Serial for the Benefit of Disabled Population

2313. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be plased to state:

(a) whether, it is a fact that the Doordarshan has sanctioned production of further episodes of the serial "EK Ghar Aas Pas" to highlight and bring awareness about the problem of the disabled;

(b) if so, whether Government are planning to encourage production of more episodes of the serial after the disability bill becomes a law; and

(c) the number of episodes sanctioned so far and the name of the producer of the current episodes and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BORADCASTING (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) The producer of this serial, telecast in 1993, did not respond to Doordarshan's offer, made in April, 1994, for another 13 episodes.

Suggestion made by Chairman, BIFR

2314. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether, Government's attention has been drawn to the suggestion made by the Chairman of the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction that directives issued by the agency should be statutorily enforceable on commerical banks;

(b) the outstanding instances of IBRD directives yet to be implemented by banks; and

(c) the total loss of production in rupees because of such non-compliance of BIFR directives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) The Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has reported that no such suggestion has been made.

(b) and (c) Presumably, the Question refers to outstanding instances of BIFR directives yet to be implemented by banks. BIFR has reported that schemes are sanctioned under section 18 of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA) for revival/ rehabilitation of sick inudstrial companies with the concurrence of all concerned parties including the banks concerned. Violation of stipulations/ orders/directions therein would attract penal action as per provisions under section 33 of SICA. BIFR has further reported that in exercise of powers under section 33 of SICA, show-cause notices have been issued in four cases of six banks for explaining the delay in complying with the provisions of the schemes.

New Loans from World Bank

2315. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank is considering five new loans for the development of agriculture, export business, multi model transport and irrigation in the country;

(b) if so, the total amount of loans to be provided under the said proposals;

(c) the details of projects which will be undertaken under the loans;

(d) whether all the conditions imposed by World Bank in sanctioning these loans have been finalised; and

(e) if so, by when these projects are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) Finalisation of projects with World Bank assistance is an on-going process and at any given time there are some proejcts in the pipeline. At present, there are no projects for